The Georgia Board of Nursing met July 14-16, 2004 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, in Conference Room 102, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 2004

#### **ORIENTATION**

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

Joan Darden, RN, Ph.D., President Toni Barnett, RN, Ph.D., FNP-C Linda Easterly, RN, BSN, MSA, MN Delynn Keeton, RN, MN

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Linda Herren, RN, CRNA Scott Thigpen, RN, MSN, CEN, CCRN Karen Wessinger, BSHE, Vice President

#### **STAFF PRESENT**

Sandy Bond, RN, MSN, MBA, Executive Director Shelia Bloodworth, Accounting Manager Monica Bridges-Roberts, Board Secretary Julia E. Gould, RN, MS, Nursing Consultant – Education Kathy Harvey, Area Supervisor, Enforcement Janet Jackson, JD, Assistant Attorney General Katrina Martin, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Practice

Mrs. Bond commenced with orientation at 9:30 a.m. with Dr. Darden presiding at 10:30 a.m.

## **ORIENTATION**

The Georgia Board of Nursing welcomed three (3) new Board members: Dr. Toni Barnett, RN, FNP-C, Mrs. Linda Easterly, RN, BSN, MSA, MN, and Mrs. Delynn "Dee" Keeton, RN, MN. The new Board members each received Orientation Handbooks reviewing the Duties and Responsibilities of the Board Members, Organizational Structure, Applications and Practice, Educational/International process, Discipline/Legal process, and other pertinent information covering the Legislative Process, Nurse Practice Act, GBON Rules and Regulations, and the GBON Fee Schedule. Janet Jackson, Assistant Attorney General, reviewed the role of the Attorney General's Office to the GBON, and Kathy Harvey, Enforcement Area Supervisor, discussed the role of Enforcement to the GBON.

Orientation adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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## STAFF PRESENT

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Dr. Darden called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was determined to exist.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the May 19-21, 2004 meeting. Dr. Barnett moved to approve the minutes as amended. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Wessinger moved, Mrs. Easterly seconded and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(k), 43-1-19(h), 43-26-5(c) and 43-26-11, to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications and investigative reports. The motion passed unanimously. Those who voted to enter into Executive Session: Dr. Barnett, Mrs. Easterly, Mrs. Herren, Mrs. Keeton, Mr. Thigpen, and Mrs. Wessinger.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, July 16, 2004, Dr. Darden declared the meeting to be "Open" pursuant to the <u>Open and Public Meetings Act</u>, O.C.G.A. 50-14-1-et.seq.

#### **CONSENT ORDERS-LEGAL SERVICES**

(RNI= Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

RNI056260- Mr. Thigpen moved to accept the Consent Order as prepared by Legal Services. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

<u>RNI040149</u>- Dr. Barnett moved to close the case and alert the system. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Thigpen moved to have the Cognizant Board member review and prepare the Legal Services Report grid for presentation to the Board. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### CONSENT AGREEMENTS/ORDERS- ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

The Status and Activity Report was reviewed.

Mrs. Herren moved to accept Ms. Jackson's report and her recommendation to adopt the following Consent Agreements/Orders as prepared by the Attorney General's office. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Adams, Kimberly RN101919 RNI040316 Holder, Ann RN130615 Moon, Sung RN144262 Urmanski, Anne RN134440 Bass, Kloan RN126025 Foti, Gary RN039434 Casey, Tania RN102027 Douberly, Shannon RN164080 McClure, Susan RN161920 Padgett, James RN124594 Williams, Jennifer RN110304 RNI040345 Cleveland, Michael RN158284 Goddard, Jennifer RN152719 McReynolds, Lavelle RN112981 Thompson, Connie RN133631 Bartlett, Judith RN118208 Dixon, Ethel RN159085

<u>RNI030354-</u> Mrs. Herren moved not to accept the Consent Order as prepared by the Attorney General's office. In addition, Mrs. Herren moved to refer back to the Attorney General's office for a Private Consent Order with the same stipulations. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### **ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE**

(**RNI**=**R**egistered **N**urse Investigative Case Number.)

<u>3801000076</u>- Mrs. Wessinger moved to close the case. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

<u>3801010028/RNI030140</u>- Mrs. Wessinger moved to close the case and flag the system. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

<u>RNI040025</u>- Mr. Thigpen moved to order the nurse to have an Outpatient M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing Consultant for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

<u>RNI040095</u>- Mrs. Wessinger moved to close the case. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

<u>RNI040418</u>- Mrs. Wessinger moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or a Private Consent Order. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

<u>RNI040108</u>- Mrs. Herren moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or a Private Consent Order to include abstinence from "diet pills", quarterly employer and self reports, and quarterly drug screens for one (1) year. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040210**- Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### RULES 410-9-.01: Renewal of License [Amended] & 410-10-.01(1): Fees [Amended]

Dr. Barnett moved to accept the proposed amendments to Rule 410-9-.01 "Renewal of License. Amended." Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Herren moved to accept the proposed amendments to Rule 410-10-.01"Fees. Amended." Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### **INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

3801020018- Dr. Barnett moved to close the case. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

<u>3801020200</u>- Mrs. Herren moved to order the nurse to have an Outpatient M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing Consultant for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

<u>3801020232</u>- Mrs. Wessinger moved to close the case and alert the system. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

<u>RNI1300001</u>- Mrs. Herren moved to order the nurse to have an Expedited M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing Consultant for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

<u>RNI030070</u>- Mrs. Keeton moved to hold reinstatement pending Cognizant Board Member's review of the scheduled August 18, 2004 M/P/E results. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- <u>RNI030086</u>- Mrs. Easterly moved to close the case. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- <u>RNI030145</u>- Dr. Barnett moved to close the case with a letter of concern. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- <u>RNI030228</u>- Mrs. Herren moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include narcotic restrictions. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- <u>RNI030230</u>- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order to include narcotic restrictions. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- <u>RNI030309</u>- Mrs. Easterly moved to order the nurse to have an Outpatient M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing Consultant for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- **RNI030310** Mrs. Keeton moved to close the case. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- RNI040078- Dr. Barnett moved to order the nurse to have an Outpatient M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing Consultant for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. In addition, Dr. Barnett moved to monitor criminal convictions and write the District Attorney's office requesting certified copies of the final court disposition. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- <u>RNI040093</u>- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order to include narcotic restriction. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- <u>RNI040106</u>- Mrs. Easterly moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order to include narcotic restriction. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- <u>RNI040208</u>- Mrs. Keeton moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order to include a Board approved course in "Professional Communication in Nursing" to be completed within six (6) months. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- **RNI040212** Mrs. Easterly moved to close the case. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- <u>RNI040302</u>- Dr. Barnett moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include narcotic restriction. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- <u>RNI040312</u>-Mrs. Herren moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order to include a Board approved course in Documentation and Scope of Practice. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- <u>RNI040326</u>- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order to include narcotic restriction. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- **RNI040329** Mrs. Easterly moved to close the case. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- <u>RNI040330</u>- Mrs. Keeton moved to close the case with a letter of concern. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

<u>RNI040332</u>- Mrs. Herren moved to order the nurse to have an Expedited M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing Consultant for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. In addition, Mrs. Herren moved to monitor criminal court action and write the District Attorney's office requesting certified copies of the final court disposition. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

<u>RNI040382</u>- Mr. Thigpen moved the M/P/E results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member upon receipt to the Board office. In addition, Mr. Thigpen moved to write the District Attorney's office requesting certified copies of the final court disposition. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

The Board reviewed the letter from American Society of Anesthesiologists/American Association of Nurse Anesthetists- *Joint Statement regarding Propofol Administration*:

Mrs. Herren moved to forward the information to the following Agencies and Institutions, to be disseminated to the licensed professions stated below, and to be posted on the GBON website:

Georgia Nursing Assoc. Newsletter
Office Managers Group(s)
Georgia Hospital Association

Colleges and Universities (MSN Programs)
Georgia Organizations of Nursing Leaders
Composite State Board of Medical Examiners

Greater Atlanta Medical Management Assoc. Georgia Medical Group Management Assoc.

Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Dr. Darden adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

#### THURSDAY, JULY 15, 2004

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

Joan Darden, RN, Ph.D., President Karen Wessinger, BSHE, Vice President Toni Barnett, Ph.D., FNP-C Linda Easterly, RN, BSN, MSA, MN Linda Herren, RN, CRNA Delynn Keeton, RN, MN Scott Thigpen, RN, MSN, CEN, CCRN

## STAFF PRESENT

Sandy Bond, RN, MSN, MBA, Executive Director Deborah Beard, BS, Compliance Manager Monica Bridges-Roberts, Board Secretary Katrina Martin, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Practice Janet Jackson, JD, Assistant Attorney General Kathleen O'Neal, Director of Administrative Procedure

Dr. Darden called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. with all members present.

#### **COGNIZANT BOARD MEMBER**

The following Board Members were appointed, by consensus of the Board, as Cognizant Members for the Board:

Dr. Toni Barnett, RN, FNP-C Mrs. Linda Easterly, RN, BSN, MSA, MN Mrs. Linda Herren, RN, CRNA Mrs. Karen Wessinger, BSHE

#### **DISCIPLINARY MATTERS**

#### NOTICE OF BORROWER DEFAULT ON REPAYMENT OF STUDENT LOANS

Mr. Thigpen moved to suspend the following licenses to practice as a registered professional nurse for defaulting on Licensee's student loan, and further moves this suspension will cease upon the receipt by the Division Director or a notice of release from the Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Registered Nurse:	License #	Registered Nurse:	License #
Andrea C. Lawton	RN169007	Mary E, Hare	RN084013
Gabriele K. Seldon	RN154808	Teresa A. Farmer	RN111359
Trina V. Baker	RN148224	Bridgett C. Meredith	RN121398
Tawana D. Mitchell	RN145979	Barbara A. Harris	RN130677
Edward Prince	RN142557	Tina M. Everly	RN134296
Anita M. Jones	RN106688	Karla R. Sewell	RN137818
Kimberly A. Crozier	RN139644	Candace H. Bell	RN143654
Stephen T. Dunning	RN130311	Bonnie L. Aceneaux	RN144676
Ardell Mays	RN128512	Bryant O. Harris	RN148739
Venus D. Addison	RN126098	Patricia A. Horton	RN161661
Sandra L. Lott	RN122096	Amy H. Fackler	RN151275
Marilyn T. Rutherford	RN073524	Dianna E. Phillips	RN162922
Maudistin Dudley	RN072719	•	

#### NCLEX APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

Mrs. Herren moved that the following applications reviewed by the Board Staff be **approved**. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Anderson, Angela	Foqua, Meghan	Mealor, Barbara	Tatum, Jennifer
Bardenwerper, Kari	Gilbert, Belinda	Pate, Viondi	Taylor, Lauren
Cary, Charles	Holmes, Rachell	Perry, Chance	Tomczek, Paul
Chapman, Cheryl	Jones, Anita	Roundtree, Maja	Valdes, Eulalee
Davis, Charles	Kimbrough,	Ruffner, Melissa	Ward, Leticia
Davis, Laura	LaTonya	Schulman,	Wilson, Tracy
Flanders, Bonnie	Lee, Kristal	Bridgette	•

#### REINSTATEMENT APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

Mr. Thigpen moved that the following applications reviewed by the Board Staff be **approved**. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Aguilar, Barbara Carroll, Timothy Johnson, Josephine Pierce, Sharon

## **ENDORSEMENT APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE**

Mr. Thigpen moved that the following applications reviewed by the Board Staff be approved. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Chong, Althea	Edwards, Deborah	Odom, Mitchell	Stocker, Michael
Conley, Hebert	Holloway, Meliah	Rivera, Richard	VanDeraa, Rane
Cortez, Noemi	Kerpics, Mary	Samples, Stephanie	
Davis, Jennifer	Mullinaz, Tommy	Sterbenz, Margaret	

## **ADVANCED PRACTICE AUTHORIZATION**

Dr. Barnett moved that the following applications reviewed by the Board Staff be **approved**. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF ORDER FOR MENTAL/PHYSICAL EVALUATION

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<u>3801010166</u>- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an Amended Consent Order to include narcotics restriction and extend probation for one (1) year. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

<u>3801020222-</u> Mrs. Herren moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an Amended Consent Order to include actual suspension of license. The nurse may petition for reinstatement after documented compliance in a Board approved aftercare program and six (6) months sobriety. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

<u>3801980025</u>- Mrs. Keeton moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an Amended Consent Order to include actual suspension of license. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

<u>3801020079-</u> Mrs. Easterly moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an Amended Consent Order to include indefinite suspension or Voluntary Surrender. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

<u>3801980167/3801010176</u>- Dr. Barnett moved to the Attorney General's office for an Amended Consent Order to include indefinite suspension or Voluntary Surrender. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### NCLEX APPLICATION REVIEW

(**RNI**=**R**egistered **N**urse Investigative Case Number.)

<u>RNI050027</u>- Mrs. Wessinger moved to proceed with Licensure with a Letter of Concern. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

<u>RNI050017</u>- Mr. Thigpen moved to write the nurse a letter requesting an Outpatient Mental Physical Examination utilizing the guidelines for MP/E. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing Consultant. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### REINSTATEMENT APPLICATION REVIEW

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

<u>3801960175</u>- Mrs. Herren moved to deny reinstatement of licensure and request nurse to make a personal appearance before the Board. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

<u>3801010077/3801940018</u>- Mr. Thigpen moved to deny reinstatement of licensure. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

<u>RNI050012</u>- Mrs. Wessinger moved to deny reinstatement of licensure pending receipt of Final Court Disposition to Board office. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

<u>RNI050013</u>- Mr. Thigpen moved to deny reinstatement of licensure. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### REINSTATEMENT/RESTORATION APPLICATION REVIEW

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

<u>3801000072</u>- Mrs. Herren moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Consent order to include four (4) years probation.

#### **ENDORSEMENT APPLICATION REVIEW**

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<u>RNI050033</u>- Mr. Thigpen moved to hold the application for licensure by endorsement pending receipt of arrest records from New York for Full Board review. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- <u>RNI050026</u>- Mrs. Easterly moved to proceed with licensure by endorsement. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- <u>RNI050025</u>- Mrs. Wessinger moved to proceed with licensure by endorsement with a Letter of Concern. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- **RNI050014** Mrs. Easterly moved to deny licensure by endorsement. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- <u>RNI050016</u>- Mrs. Keeton moved to write the nurse a letter requesting an Outpatient Mental Physical Examination utilizing the guidelines for MP/E. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing Consultant for Disciplinary Action. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- <u>RNI050023</u>- Mrs. Wessinger moved to proceed with licensure by endorsement with a Letter of Concern. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- <u>RNI050024</u>- Dr. Barnett moved to proceed with licensure by endorsement with a Letter of Concern. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### MENTAL/PHYSICAL EVALUATION REVIEW

<u>3801020174-</u> Mrs. Herren moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include quarterly reports from current employer and psychiatrist, quarterly drug screens, and two (2) years probation. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### **COMPLAINT REVIEW**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

- <u>RNI050021</u>- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to Investigations. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- <u>RNI050022</u>- Dr. Barnett moved to write the complainant a letter explaining that the Georgia Board of Nursing has no jurisdiction in the state of Florida. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### RESOLUTION OF PRIOR PRESENTED CASES

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

- <u>RNI040347</u>- Mrs. Wessinger moved to close the case. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- <u>RNI040303-</u> Mrs. Keeton moved to close the case. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- <u>RNI030196-</u> Mrs. Herren moved to order the nurse to have an outpatient M/P/E for Psychosexual dysfunction, utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be forwarded for Full Board Review. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- RNI040014- Mrs. Wessinger moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an outpatient M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing Consultant for disciplinary action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing the evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- <u>3801020177</u>- Dr. Barnett moved to close the case with a letter of concern. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- <u>RNI040304</u>- Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- **RNI149782** Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case with a letter of concern. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- <u>RNI040178</u>- Mrs. Herren moved to verify letters of recommendations. Upon confirmation of verifications, proceed with licensure with a letter of concern. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- **RNI040402** Mr. Thigpen moved to proceed with licensure with a letter of concern. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- <u>RNI040407</u>- Mrs. Keeton moved to request nurse to make a personal appearance before the Board. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- <u>RNI040335</u>- Mrs. Herren moved refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Public Consent Agreement to include four (4) years probation, employer reports, self-reports, therapist reports, and Impulse Management counseling by a Board approved therapist until discharged. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## REQUEST TO RELEASE CONFIDENTIAL APPLICATION/INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION (RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

- <u>3801940104-</u> Mr. Thigpen moved to release record information to the Florida Board of Nursing pursuant to O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k). Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- <u>RNI020308</u>- Mrs. Keeton moved to release record information to the Alabama Board of Nursing pursuant to O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k). Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- RNI050018- Mr. Thigpen moved to release application information to attorney as requested pursuant to O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k). Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- **RNI030192** Mrs. Herren moved to write a letter to the Virginia Board of Nursing informing Board, that the nurse must personally request a copy of the Private Consent Order. The copy must be forwarded by nurse. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- <u>RNI040409</u>- Mrs. Herren moved to release application information and all public information to the Alabama Board of Nursing pursuant to O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k). Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### MISCELLANEOUS/ DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

 $(\textbf{RNI} \small{=} \textbf{R} e gistered \ \textbf{N} urse \ \textbf{I} nvestigative \ \textbf{Case} \ \textbf{N} umber.)$ 

- <u>RNI050015</u>- Mrs. Wessinger moved to deny licensure. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried with Dr. Barnett abstaining.
- <u>RNI040368</u>- Dr. Barnett moved to refer back to the Attorney General's office to extend the time limit for the M/P/E to September 15, 2004 with the results to follow within 15 days. Mrs. Herren seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- <u>RNI157577</u>- Dr. Barnett moved to accept the Consent Agreement as prepared by the Attorney General's office upon receipt of the original. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- <u>RNI050034</u>- Mrs. Keeton moved to accept the Consent Agreement as prepared by the Attorney General's office upon receipt of the original. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### **APPLICATIONS FOR BOARD REVIEW**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

<u>RNI050019</u>- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement and a fine of \$50 for unlicensed practice. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

<u>RNI050020</u>- Mrs. Easterly moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order and a fine of \$1000 for unlicensed practice for a period extending over a year. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried with Mrs. Keeton abstaining.

The Board members provided clarification to the Board staff as it relates to referring unlicensed/unauthorized application files for Board review. The file must be complete and include the applicant's personal letter of explanation and the employer's statement. If all required information has not been received by the application expiration date, then the file will become inactive and the applicant will need to reapply.

<u>RNI050040</u>- Mrs. Herren moved to hold the application until Board receives applicant's letter of explanation to complete application. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATION APPLICATIONS

**FLP**- The Board reviewed the application for licensure by examination. Mr. Thigpen moved in order for the applicant to be considered as a duly qualified applicant, she must enroll in and pass a complete course (classroom and clinical components) in maternal/infant nursing. This course must occur at an approved nursing education program leading to initial licensure as a registered nurse which has criteria similar to, and no less stringent than, those established by the Georgia Board of Nursing. The Registrar of the educational institution must submit an official transcript documenting the passing of this course directly to the Board of Nursing. [410-6-.02 (2), (d) (2)] Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

<u>SW-</u> The Board reviewed the application for licensure by examination. Mrs. Herren moved in order to be considered as a duly qualified applicant, she must enroll in and pass a complete course (classroom and clinical components) in mental health/psychiatric nursing. This course must occur at an approved nursing education program leading to initial licensure as a registered nurse which has criteria similar to, and no less stringent than, those established by the Georgia Board of Nursing. The Registrar of the educational institution must submit an official transcript documenting the passing of this course directly to the Board of Nursing. [410-6-.02 (2), (d) (2)] Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **TELECONFERENCE**

The Georgia Board of Nursing has a scheduled teleconference for Thursday, August 26, 2004, 10:00 a.m. for Rules Hearing, Rule 410-.09-01 Renewal of License (Amended) and Rule 410-10-.01 Fees (Amended).

Dr. Darden adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

#### FRIDAY, JULY 16, 2004

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

Joan Darden, RN, Ph.D., President Karen Wessinger, BSHE, Vice President Toni Barnett, Ph.D., FNP-C Linda Easterly, RN, BSN, MSA, MN Linda Herren, RN, CRNA Delynn Keeton, RN, MN Scott Thigpen, RN, MSN, CEN, CCRN

#### **STAFF PRESENT**

Sandy Bond, RN, MSN, MBA, Executive Director Deborah Beard, BS, Compliance Manager Monica Bridges-Roberts, Board Secretary Julia E. Gould, RN, MS, Nursing Consultant – Education Mollie Fleeman, Division Director

# <u>VISITORS PRESENT (During Executive Session, visitors are excused unless scheduled for personal appearance)</u>

Ms. Cheryl Miller Northwestern Technical College
Ms. Denis M. Grant Northwestern Technical College

Linda Grogan North Georgia College & State University
Tomas Vela North Georgia College & State University

Ms. Christine HuntWest Central Technical CollegeMs. Randa SmithWest Central Technical CollegeMr. Ken SmithWest Central Technical CollegeDr. Annie McElroySouthwest Georgia Technical CollegeMs. Joy CongerSouthwest Georgia Technical College

Dr. Darden called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. with all members present.

#### MISCELLANEOUS-DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

#### REQUEST TO LIFT LIMITATIONS/END CONSENT ORDER EARLY

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

Mrs. Wessinger moved to accept the recommendations as they pertain to the cases listed below.

Case No.	Recommended Action
3801010136	Lift Limitations
3801980214/RNI020306	Deny request to Lift Limitations.
3801010262	Lift Limitations
3801010152 <b>/</b> 3801010169	Lift Limitations
RNI030038	Lift Limitations
3801010245	Lift Limitations
3801950003/3801010198	Deny request to Lift Limitations.
3801010207	
3801980237	Lift Limitations
3801990014	Deny request to end Consent Order early.
3801980086	Deny request to end Consent Order early.
3801010173	Deny request to end Consent Order early.
3801010054	Deny request to end Consent Order early.

Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### **DISCIPLINARY RENEWAL 2003-2005**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

Mrs. Easterly moved to accept the Report and Recommendations as prepared by the Cognizant Board Member. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### RNI050037 RNI050036

#### APPLICATION REVIEWS AND APPROVAL OF LICENSURE

Mr. Thigpen moved, Mrs. Easterly seconded and the Board voted to **Approve** applications for licensure and advanced practice authorization for the months of May 2004 and June 2004 who were determined, pursuant to Board approval guidelines, to have met licensure/authorization requirements. See attached reports.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Dr. Darden presented the Nursing Education Committee Meeting Report from the June 25, 2004 meeting. Revisions to rules in Chapter 410-3 were drafted for review by the Board of Nursing.

Mrs. Herren moved the Georgia Board of Nursing directs Board Committees to meet quarterly-or, as needed, to consider issues presented to the committee from the Board. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### **DEVELOPING PROGRAMS**

#### **West Central Technical College**

The Board of Nursing reviewed Report II for the development and implementation of the proposed associate degree nursing program. Mrs. Easterly moved the following recommendations:

In order for Initial Approval to be considered, West Central Technical College must:

- 1. Notify the Board of Nursing of the appointment of a qualified nursing faculty member with graduate nursing education, expertise, and professional development in mental health/psychiatric nursing;
- 2. Provide a written plan for the orientation of full-time and part-time faculty members in the use of the modular system and nursing performance examinations;
- 3. Provide written clarification of whether the curriculum is characterized as an integrated and/or a block one;
- 4. Revise the examination policy regarding the students' access to dictionaries during testing; and
- 5. Provide a written description of options that will be implemented if the modular system does not work.

[410-3-.02 (2)(a); 410-3-.10 (2)(b)]

Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### SITE VISIT REPORTS

#### **Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College**

The Board reviewed Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College's April 19-20, 2004 Site Visit Report. Mrs. Herren moved to accept the five (5) commendations. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. In addition, Mrs. Herren moved to accept the ten (10) recommendations. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. A complete Site Visit Report is on file in the Board office.

#### **Valdosta State University**

The Board reviewed Valdosta State University's April 26-24, 2004 Site Visit Report. Mrs. Wessinger moved to accept the Summary Report. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried with Mr. Thigpen abstaining. A complete Site Visit Report is on file in the Board office.

#### Northwestern Technical College

The Board reviewed Northwestern Technical College's May 5-6, 2004 Site Visit Report. Mr. Thigpen moved to accept the eight (8) commendations. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. In addition, Mr. Thigpen moved to accept the four (4) recommendations. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. A complete Site Visit Report is on file in the Board office.

## SITE VISIT RESPONSES

#### Southwest Georgia Technical College

At its May 19-21, 2004 meeting, the Board reviewed the responses to its January 26-27, 2004 site visit report. Mr. Thigpen moved the following decision:

Accept the response to the Board of Nursing May 19-21, 2004 recommendations submitted by Southwest Georgia Technical College. [410-3-.10 (2) (b)]

Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### **DIVISION DIRECTOR**

Mollie Fleeman, Division Director, welcomed the new Board Members and addressed the Board on the following matters:

- 1. Duties of the Board.
- 2. GBON Newsletter.
- 3. Background checks and finger printing of RN Applicants.
  - a. Requires revision of the Nurse Practice Act.
- 4. Out-of-State Travel: Approval for one (1) Board Member to attend one (1) out-of-state Conference of their choice. In addition, the Executive Director may attend one (1) out-of-state Conference of their choice.

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Bond reported on the following:

• Letter: Request for Inactive Licensure Status

Mr. Thigpen moved that the Georgia Board of Nursing currently do not recognize Inactive Status of licensure. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- Letter: Request Clarification of Fees for the 2005 Renewal Period.
  - o Board requests Mrs. Bond, Executive Director, to respond per Board protocol.
- Letter: GNA- RN for Nursing Consultant, Legal/Discipline
- 2005 RN Board Dates
  - o Date Changes: January 12-14, 2005 March 9-11, 2005

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- Email: Proposed change to RN License expiration/Renewal Dates
- Nurses By State
- Email: Approval for Out-of-State Travel for one (1) Board Member and Executive Director
- Email: APRN: Prescriptive Authority

Mrs. Easterly moved to write the Division Director a letter expressing concerns and request for additional investigator staff, to include a Registered Nurse investigator. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### MISCELLANEOUS/ OLD BUSINESS

At the May 19-21, 2004 Board Meeting, Mrs. Herren was to draft letters of request by the Board to the Secretary of State's office. As of this meeting, the issues have been resolved by the following directives with no further action to be taken by the Board:

- 1. Directive for committees to meet quarterly or, as needed, by the Board.
- 2. Approval for out-of-state travel.
- Nurse Consultant position requirements to include Licensed Registered Professional Nurse.

There being no further business, the meeting a	adjourned at 2:22 p.m.
	Karen K. Wessinger, Vice-President for Joan Darden, RN, PhD, President
Mollie L. Fleeman, Division Director	
The minutes were recorded by Monica Bridges-Rober	rts Board Secretary, and approved on Septemb

22, 2004.